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PART 2: BIG DATA – A changing world

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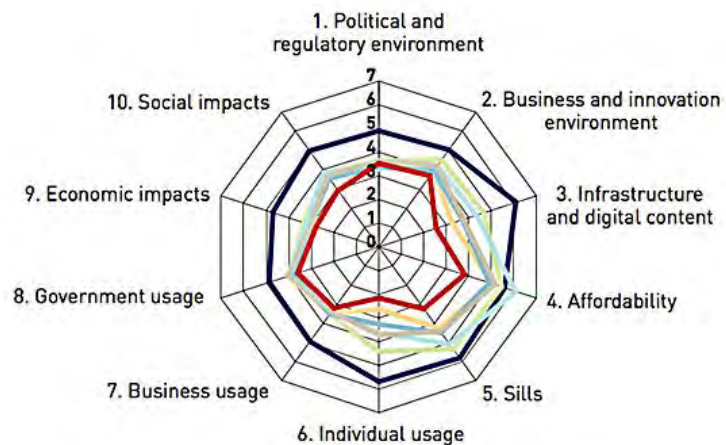
'Open Data' in a Big Data world

Open Data refers to everyone, everywhere, everyday possessing access to 'all' data. This aims to prevent discrimination and promote transparency and accountability. Of the 4.3 billion people without access to the internet, 90% live in developing countries, mostly in rural remote locations. Access and use of ICT is required to penetrate remote areas in all countries to enable sustainable development.

Spider graph: inequalities in access to and use of ICT services

INEQUALITIES IN ACCESS TO AND USE OF ICT SERVICES*

- Advanced economies
- Southern, Central and Eastern European Countries
- Commonwealth of Independent States and Mongolia
- Developing Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Middle East and North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa



* Regional averages based on *The Global Information Technology Report 2014*, by the World Economic Forum

Source: <http://www.undatarevolution.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Screen-Shot-2014-10-24-at-10.38.01-AM.png>

However not 'all data' is available to 'all' people because:

- firewalls are built to monitor and control network traffic and block computer hackers
- black holes exist when internet traffic is silently discarded e.g. China and North Korea
- unequal access to data and technologies across regions-advanced/developed economies tend to be ahead of the rest of the world on almost every ICT indicator:
 - access – affordability, infrastructure, content, skills
 - use – government, business, individual
 - Impacts – social, economic, environmental

Governments are opening their data, as Open Data aims to stimulate innovation, tackle economic problems and improve human wellbeing. The Australian Government developed a Big Data strategy

to make data held by national and regional authorities publicly available

Firewall concept



<http://s3.amazonaws.com/rv-wp/centurylinkdealscominternetres/uploads/2013/11/firewall.jpg>

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'Better Data Better Lives': 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

Big-Open Data is important for the success of the United Nations (UN) 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Huge data sets, supported by technical and analytical services, are required to address SDGs-17 goals, 169 targets and 230 indicators.

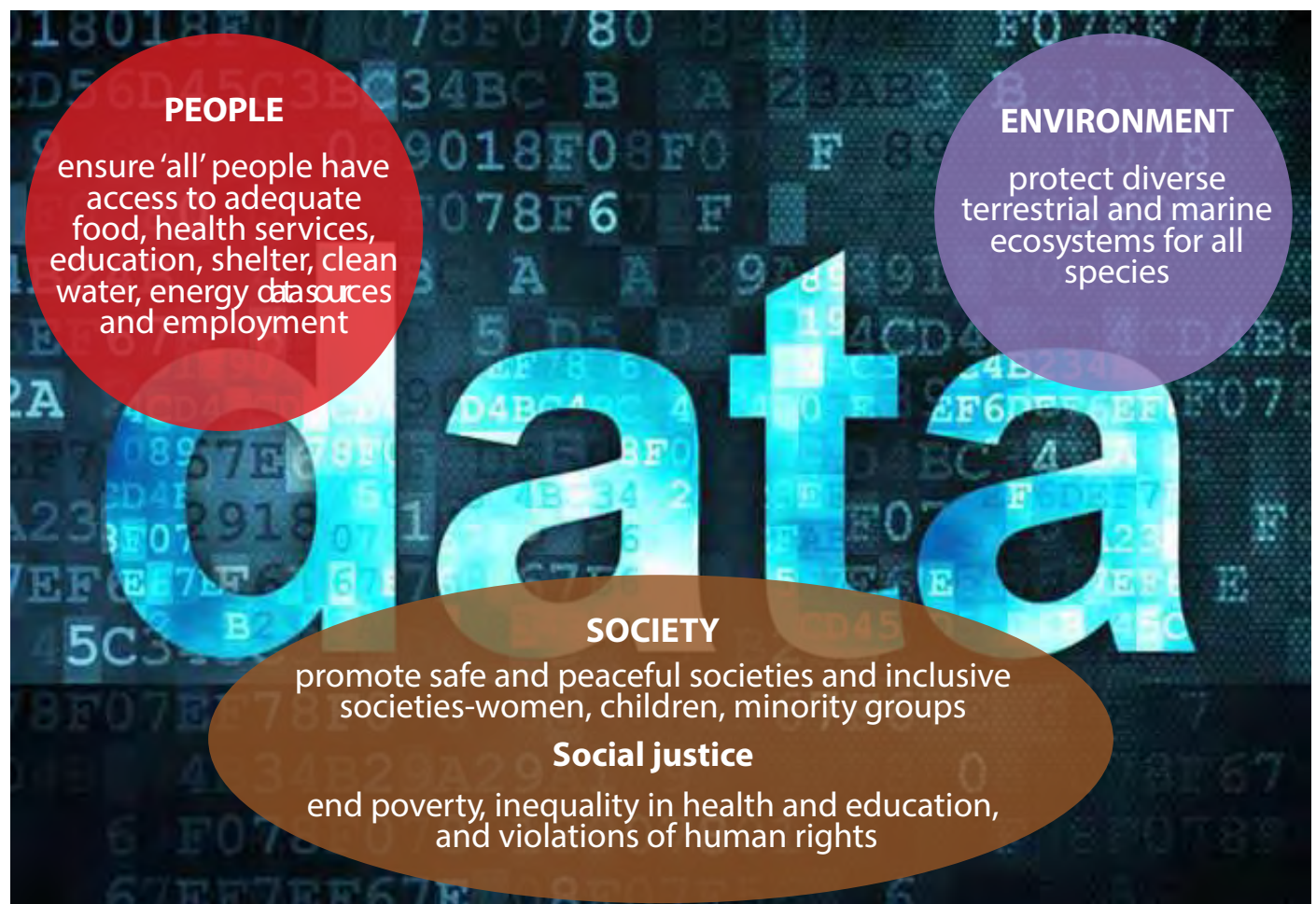
The UN Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) is an open, multi-stakeholder network committed to harnessing Big-Open data for sustainable development.

- Open Data: The SDGs pledge to 'leave no one behind', requires data to cover populations, areas and themes, not previously counted or studied.
- Big Data: Countries are required to improve statistical systems and use quality data to improve development policies and monitor development processes.

Big-Open Data underpins the success of UN development policies by focussing on key questions such as:

- Where will scarce funds and resources be allocated? (countries/regions)
- What areas of development require highest assistance? (health/education/water)
- What changes have occurred since the UN intervention? (increase/stagnation/decrease) Aimed to improve human wellbeing (people, societies) and protect the environment, development data will need to be accessible and useable, and to be used more effectively and efficiently.

Big-Open data for people, society and the environment



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Harnessing Big Data for Sustainable Development

Big Data from sources such as satellites, crowdsourcing, social media, sensors, GPS and mapping, aims to accelerate sustainable development and humanitarian actions.

Big Data applied to SDG

Sustainable Development Goals

1 NO POVERTY

Spending patterns on mobile phone services can provide proxy indicators of income levels

2 ZERO HUNGER

Crowdsourcing or tracking of food prices listed online can help monitor food security in near real-time

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Mapping the movement of mobile phone users can help predict the spread of infectious diseases

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

Citizen reporting can reveal reasons for student drop-out rates

5 GENDER EQUALITY

Analysis of financial transactions can reveal the spending patterns and different impacts of economic shocks on men and women

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Sensors connected to water pumps can track access to clean water

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Smart metering allows utility companies to increase or restrict the flow of electricity, gas or water to reduce waste and ensure adequate supply at peak periods

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Patterns in global postal traffic can provide indicators such as economic growth, remittances, trade and GDP

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Data from GPS devices can be used for traffic control and to improve public transport

10 REDUCED INEQUALITY

Speech-to-text analytics on local radio content can reveal discrimination concerns and support policy response

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Satellite remote sensing can track encroachment on public land or spaces such as parks and forests

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Online search patterns or e-commerce transactions can reveal the pace of transition to energy efficient products

13 CLIMATE ACTION

Combining satellite imagery, crowd-sourced witness accounts and open data can help track deforestation

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

Maritime vessel tracking data can reveal illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing activities

15 LIFE ON LAND

Social media monitoring can support disaster management with real-time information on victim location, effects and strength of forest fires or haze

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Sentiment analysis of social media can reveal public opinion on effective governance, public service delivery or human rights

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Partnerships to enable the combining of statistics, mobile and internet data can provide a better and real-time understanding of today's hyper-connected world

Source: <http://unglobalpulse.org/sites/default/files/big%20data%20and%20sdgs.jpg>

United Nations Data Ecosystem

As the data world is changing at a bewildering pace the United Nations (UN) works to

strengthen data ecosystems, develop global data principles, and integrate new technology with new partnerships. The UN Data Ecosystems aims to:

- link people, communities, businesses and governments
- integrate local, national and global data systems
- provide better data from a wider range of reliable sources e.g. multilateral institutions, civil society organisations, research institutions, academia, private sector and citizens
- design a framework for collecting, processing and analysing data
- use quality data from geospatial technology and satellite imagery (Earth Observations)
- deliver an accurate snapshot of progress towards the SDGs goals and targets
- contribute to an improved understanding of

global, national and local social, economic and environmental problems, and how they can be sustainably managed

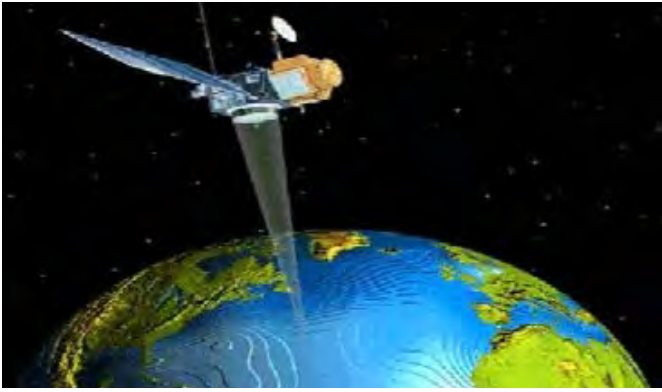
Taking the Global Pulse

Global Pulse is an initiative of the UN that attempts to bring real time monitoring and prediction to development projects. Mobile phones provide a powerful platform to reach remote people and obtain real-time feedback from communities. Global Pulse incorporates a diversity of data sources such as:

- interactive data visualisation tools used during a typhoid outbreak in Uganda
- extraction and analyses of tweets relating to vaccines and immunisation used in Indonesia
- exploration of online news data used for conflict analysis

Global Pulse has developed a partnership with Quid. Quid is an information mapping platform that enables visual mapping and analysis on most development topics.

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'Earth observation data and information, collected from both space and ground platforms are the basis for addressing a multitude of environmental issues. A globally co-ordinated strategy for the collection, integration and sharing of these data and information plays an essential role in the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)'

Source: https://room.eu.com/article/Understanding_Earth_GEO_and_the_SDG_environmental_agenda

Using Earth Observations-Big Data

Over 1,300 satellites are pivotal to our networked lives as they connect the world to broadband services, and its global positioning data (GPS), helps prevent and mitigate natural and human disasters.

'The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) is championing the cause of Open Data. "Whether it is from space, from the atmosphere, from the marine environment or from the land, if public resources and taxpayers' money went into building the satellites and/or the instrumentation, then the data needs to be released broadly and openly. Governments should not be charging their citizens for data that they have already paid for.'

Source: <https://www.geospatialworld.net/article/geospatial-data-sustainable-development-goals/>

Earth observations provides critical data that assists SDGs, for example:

- SDG-2 (Zero Hunger) via crop monitoring
- SDG-6 (Clean Water & Sanitation) via population density, wastewater leakage data
- SDG-11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities) via air quality data
- SDG 14 (Life Below Water) via remote sensing for water quality
- SDG-15 (Life on Land) via forest cover data from satellites

SDGs and Earth Observations



Diagram: <http://gefio.org/sites/default/files/ieo/ieo-documents/SDG-Bigdata.pdf>



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Geospatial Data monitors SDG

'Geospatial data, is the basis for evidence-based decision-making, monitoring and accountability. The geospatial community recognises that location and geography are significantly linked to many, if not all, elements of SDGs'

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Geospatial Data links to SDGs

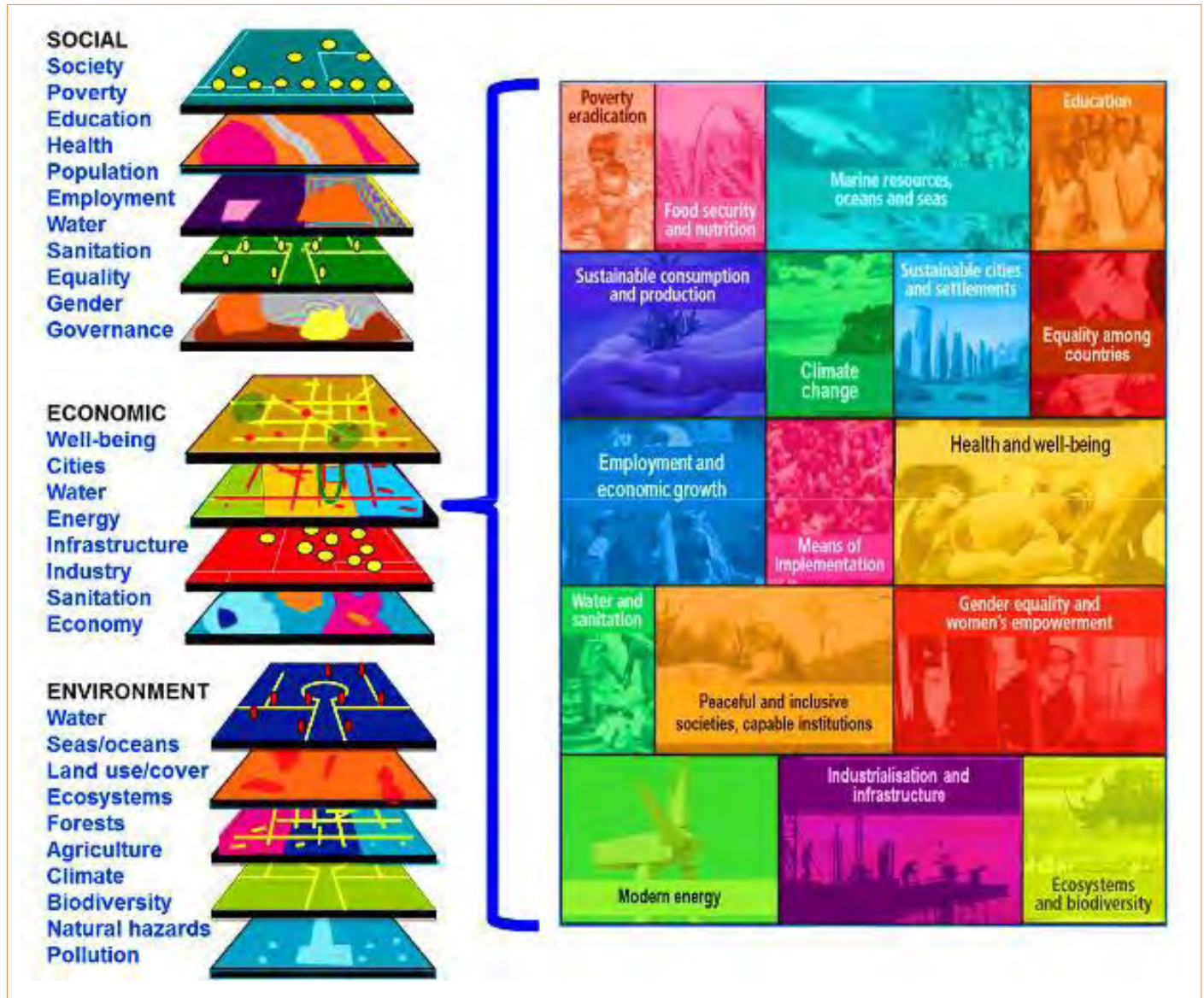


Diagram: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/files/meetings/iaeg-sdgs-meeting-02/Statements/IAEG-SDGs-GGIM.pdf>

Geospatial data aims to increase the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data, disaggregated by geographic location to demonstrate differences in social, environmental and economic conditions, around the world. This data is critical to answering questions such as:

- Where is Ebola occurring? How do we contain the disease?
- Where are people at risk from rising sea levels? How do we protect these people?
- How many hectares of forests have been cleared in Indonesia for palm oil? Are these forest managed sustainably (economic, environmental, social)?

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SDG Goals and use of Geospatial Data

SDG GOALS	11 CITIES	12 SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION	13 COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE	14 MARINE AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS	15 TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS	16 PEACEFUL INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES
MAPS, GRAPHS AND DATA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public green spaces Housing density Substandard housing Traffic congestion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy use Pollution – air, water Landfills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CO2 and methane emissions Changes in sea levels, weather patterns (more frequent droughts, cyclones) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algal blooms Eutrophication Marine protected areas Coastal erosion (natural and manmade) Clearing wetlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land degradation Salinisation Biodiversity Protected areas Desertification National parks Wilderness areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political violence Fragile states Crime hotspots Refugee movements Gross Domestic Product

Fighting climate change using Big Data and predictive analytics

The abundance of climate data from model simulations, satellites, geospatial data, and field observations is closing the knowledge gap on how the complex dynamic Earth system functions. As a result, climate science is one of the most data-rich domains in terms of data volume, velocity and variety. The cloud, the growing number of IoT and the rise of social media, resulted in additional data, photos and videos on anthropogenic changes to Earth. Continuous improvements to Big Data aims to lead to more accurate modelling of the global climate. Additionally, Data for Climate Action harnesses Big-Open Data from science and private and government sectors, and predictive analytics addresses the interconnected causes, impacts and mitigation of climate change.

Projects and predictive modelling

Many climate change projects are built around the principle of predictive modelling, with the most advanced climate models called General Circulation Models. However, sceptics question: How reliable are predictive climate change models? Is climate too complex to model or predict?

Innovative projects such as the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) project demonstrates how Big Data aids the mitigation of climate risks and strengthens resilience to climate disasters. In the past climate data provided weather forecasts, but when combined with crop data is able to deliver real time advice to farmers during droughts. Additionally the Weathersafe project designed to help humans deal with climate change, provides valuable data that assists coffee growers adapt to changing weather patterns and soil conditions.

Could the five Big Data projects stop climate change?

GOOGLE EARTH ENGINE	MICROSOFT'S MADINGLEY MODEL	DATA.GOV'S CLIMATE	GLOBAL FOREST WATCH	OPOWER
Tracks deforestation in the Amazon	Illustrates environmental impacts on animal mortality	Provides 400 government data sets from agencies and researchers	Tracks forest changes. Over 500,000 people use the service e.g. Nestle and Indonesian government	Analyses people's power usage

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Race for technical superiority

Winning the digital race to achieve technical superiority over competitors involves gathering data to make sure you are not the next taxi company or hotel chain caught off guard by Uber or Airbnb.

Venture capitalist Marc Andreessen declared in:

- 2011 that 'software is eating the world' such as Uber is eating taxis and AirBnB eating hotels. 'Thanks to software, we no longer have to bring maps with us, we don't have to wait for the newspaper to be delivered at our doorstep, as all of our previously physical and bulky tools are now in our phones.'<https://futurism.com/software-is-eating-the-world-and-you-need-to-see-it/>
- 2017 that 'software is programming the world.' He predicted that in the near future 'chips will be free and be embedded in everything.'



Coding crystal ball

In the future detailed information from databases will be overwhelming! Apps such as Waze will track the flow of users, such as road workers blocking a lane. Autonomous cars will know the position of lampposts and cities will resurface roads when required. Streetlights will be replaced when they go out, and police will have more data on people walking along streets.

RealSense 3D Scanning

While the Intel RealSense 3D depth-sensing camera technology has applications for laptops, PCs and drones, it can also assist everyday tasks. By determining depth and scanning objects in 3D, the camera can verify whether the Ikea table will fit into a car's trunk. Travelers could use the RealSense camera's depth perception technology to scan carry-on luggage. This takes the guesswork out of determining if a bag meets the airline size requirements.

Source: <http://www.cadalyst.com/%5Blevel-1-with-primary-path%5D/5-technologies-made-summer-splash-germany-25870>



Talking Scooters

By saying 'hello, smart bike' into the helmet, people could sit on a BMW motorbike and inquire about the vehicle's route and tyre pressure. Using Intel Edison technology, the rider is able to access data from the bike's key computer system. Questions are interpreted by Intel voice-recognition software, and the answers are piped into the helmet's built-in audio system. This means that riders don't need to fiddle with a separate device or take their eyes off the road.

The back of the Intel Connected Helmet incorporates LED lights, showing all light signals from the scooter. The hope is that bikers will be more visible to drivers, which will reduce the number of road accidents

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Big Data on wheels

Modern cars are equipped with more than 100 sensors that create a constant stream of data.

Several times per second, sensors on cars measure location, performance and driving behaviour. According to a McKinsey report connected cars create up to 25 gigabytes of data per hour that is the equivalent of more than a month of 24-hour music streaming. However, cars equipped with surround cameras and radar are able to generate raw data of 100 gigabytes per second.

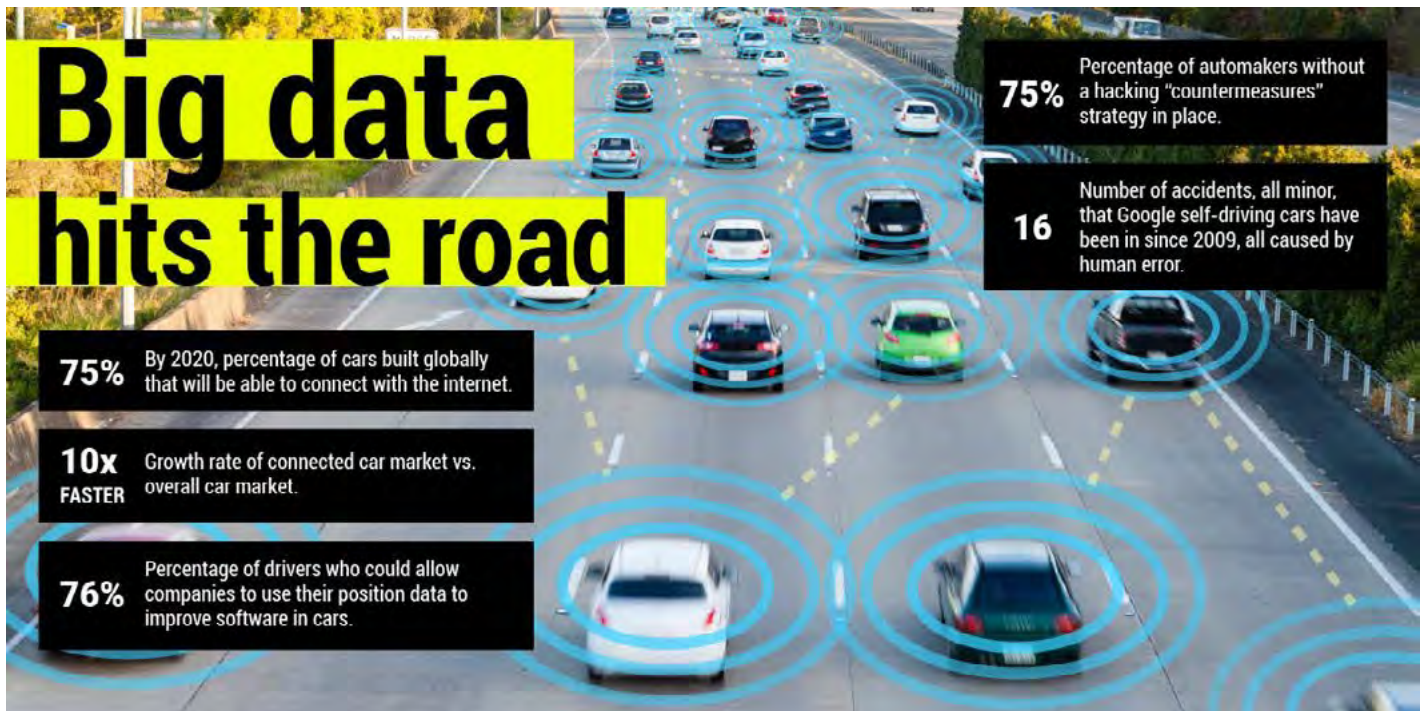
The data automatically generated by cars provides a huge source of Big Data and analytics. By 2018 one in five cars on the road will be self-aware and the global connected market will be worth \$39 billion.



<https://theconversation.com/why-driverless-cars-still-need-driving-tests-62721>

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Big Data hits the road



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Drive assist technology

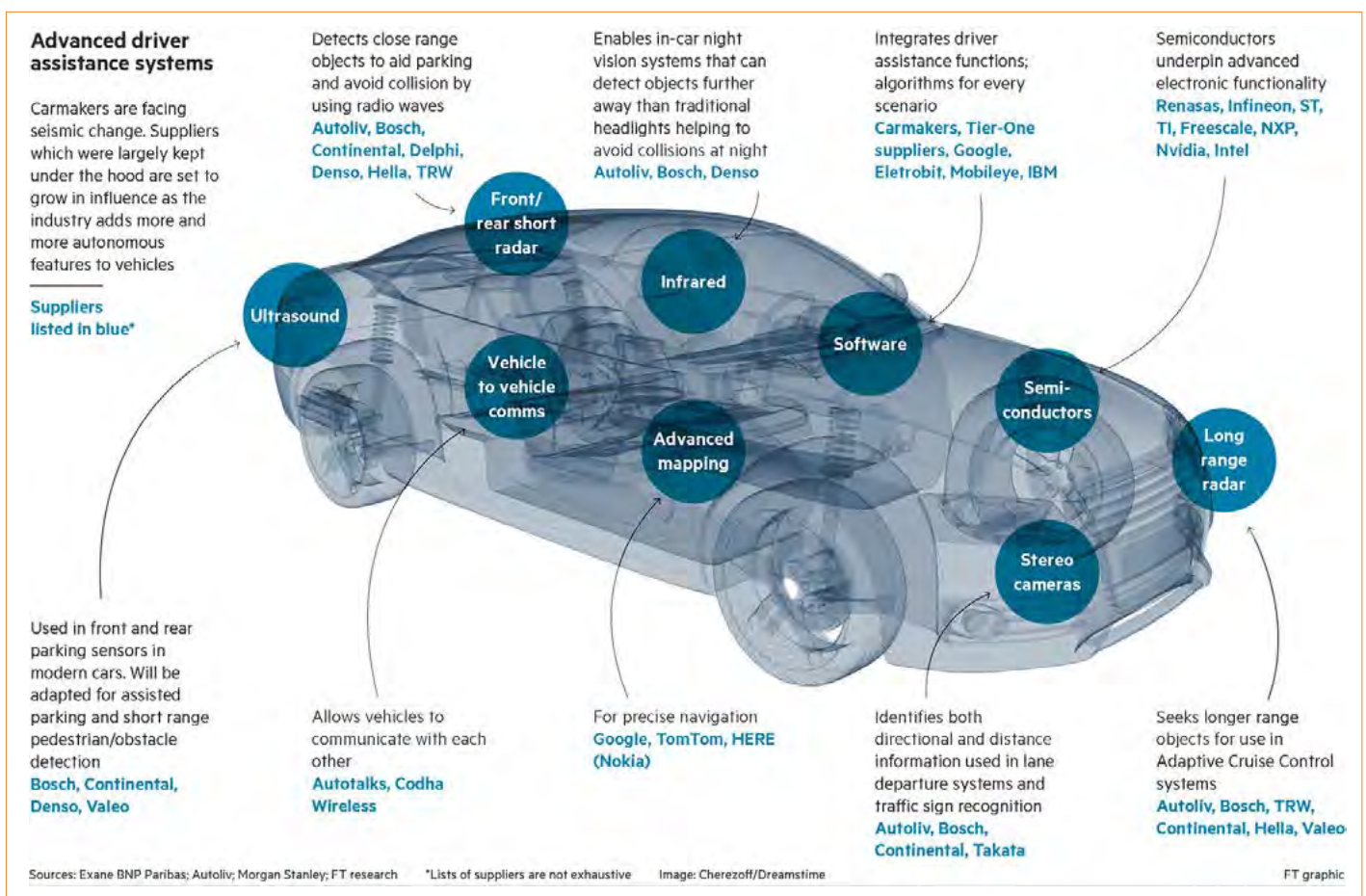


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Merging Big Data with Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Data analysts are unable to keep pace with the huge quantities of Big Data created daily. This dilemma requires the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), known as machine learning. AI adds an intelligence layer to Big Data, by assisting complex analytical tasks to be completed faster than humans.

AI is already revolutionising lives-Apple's Siri, Google's OK Google, and Amazon's Echo. For example, Siri is a computer program that operates as a personal assistant and knowledge navigator. It uses human languages to answer questions and perform actions by delegating requests to Web services such as looking for a restaurant or providing driving directions. AI also intends to deliver quicker drug discoveries, safer self-driving cars and alternative energy sources.

AI in Healthcare

AI applications will depend on data to develop predictive models. For example the larger the electronic medical data records reflect dangerous infections in hospitals, the better the system can predict these events before they occur. Referred to as actionable insights, AI used in healthcare aims to provide physicians with information to make better decisions for all patients

Healthcare using AI:

- Data management – collecting, storing, tracing lineage
- Design treatment plans for oncologists
- Assist radiologists detect health problems faster and more reliably
- Online consultations-report symptoms with checks against database and patient's history
- Health assistance and medication management
- Drug creation – speed process and make more cost effective



Image source: <http://www.businesscloudnews.com/files/2016/01/AI-Artificial-Intelligence-Machine-Learning-Cognitive-Computing.jpg>

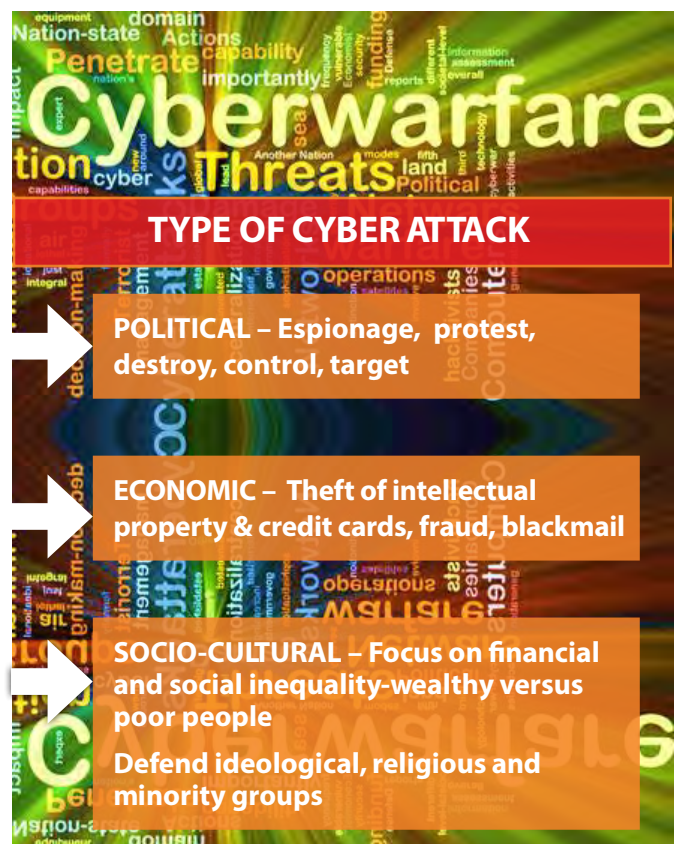
Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data and AI is crucial for smarter future decisions. A plethora of on-line free data platforms makes organising, synthesising and analysing data easier, however information in a database must be checked for errors, bias and duplications

Security threats to Internet of Things (IoT)

The Internet of Things (IoT), is an open system with many components, making it vulnerable and susceptible to security threats at the component level (e.g. mobile phone, PC) and the systems level (e.g. electricity supplies, banking).

As the number of connected devices is escalating, individuals, organisations and governments connected to the internet are increasingly susceptible to cyberattacks. This has led to the escalation of viruses, malware attacks, spear phishing and ransomware attacks. In May 2017, ransomware cyberattack or WannaCry, hit 200,000 victims in 150 countries. The ransomware locked computers and demanded payments between \$A406 and \$U812 to restore access.

Types of cyber attacks



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Motivation of cyber attackers

The cost of malicious cyber activity is mainly related to the theft of intellectual property and the loss of financial assets.



Hacker's tools

The hackers use a variety of tools such as sending personal e-mails, infiltrating baby monitors or smart TVs, eavesdropping on free public WiFi networks, impersonating trustworthy companies, sending bogus software updates, and using skimmers to steal ATM card information.

Stealing money via ATM



Cartoon: http://i.dailymail.co.uk/i/pix/2013/01/11/article-2260221-16E238A1000005DC-318_634x395.jpg

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Security challenges

THREATS –

To privacy, mobile security and middleware security (computer software that 'glues together' separate and complex programs)

DANGERS – Of shared data or data stored in the cloud, runs risk of data and identity theft



ALTERNATIVE CHOICES

Convenience versus cost of security – Pre-programmed cars with auto unlock doors increases the possibility of manipulation for theft

Access to data versus security, privacy and transparency – Transparency reveals information organisations possess about a person

Cybercrime

Cybercrime activities are globally diffused as it is open to everybody driven by profit and personal gain. Cybercrime has no boundaries although it is influenced by national laws and by efficiency of law enforcement. To counter the increase in cybercrime globally requires the adoption of defence mechanisms aimed to build a security culture.

Cybercrime activities affects IT. Cybercriminals leverage of Big Data has increased the effectiveness of attacks and disruption of businesses and governments. Web attacks and 'insiders' account for more than 55% of cybercrime costs per organisation. The highest

cybercrime costs were in organisations such as defence, financial services, energy and utilities. Of greatest concern are the cybercrime acts represented by computer content, including child pornography, terrorism and piracy.

The number of crimes based on mobile devices and social media is exploding. In the majority of cases, the systems are exposed to cyber threats due to bad habits and risky behaviour. Bogus social network 'likes' and Instagram followers are sold to cybercriminals. The black market supports the growth of cyber threats within the cybercrime ecosystem

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Cybercriminal ecosystem

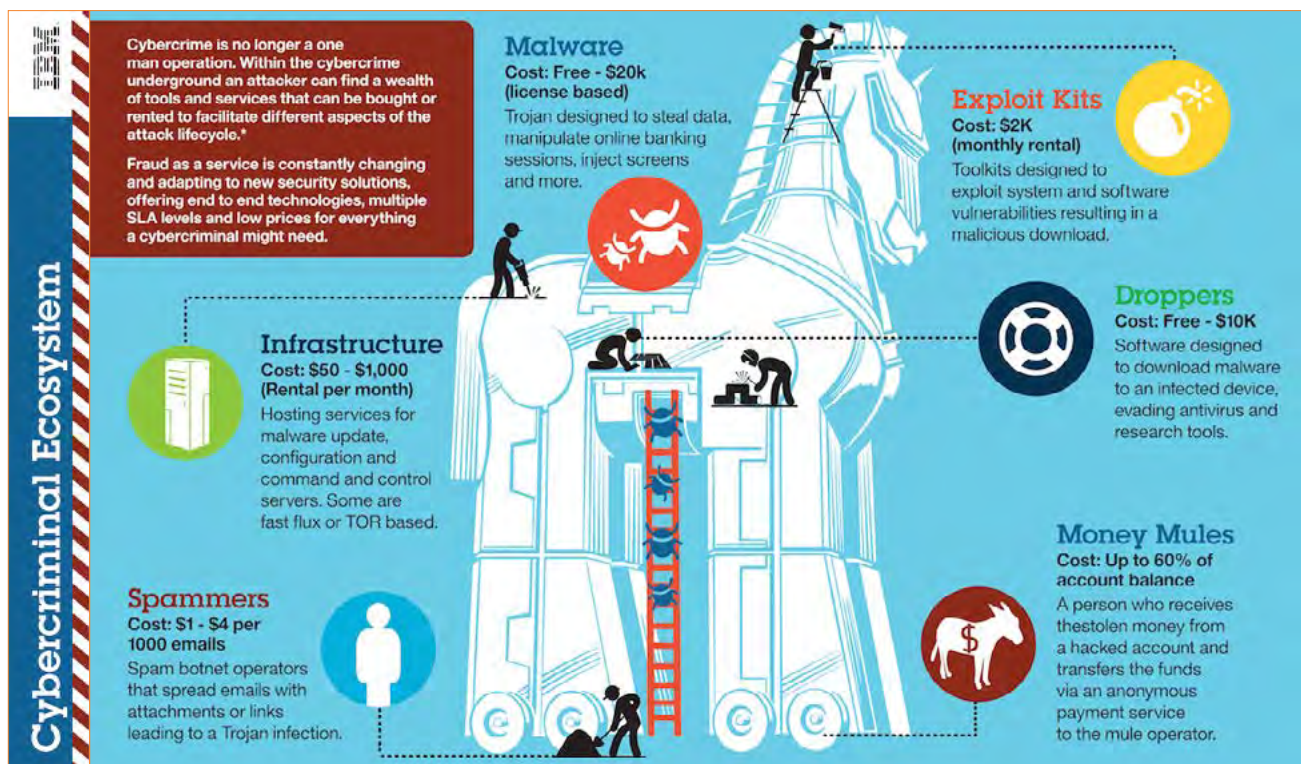


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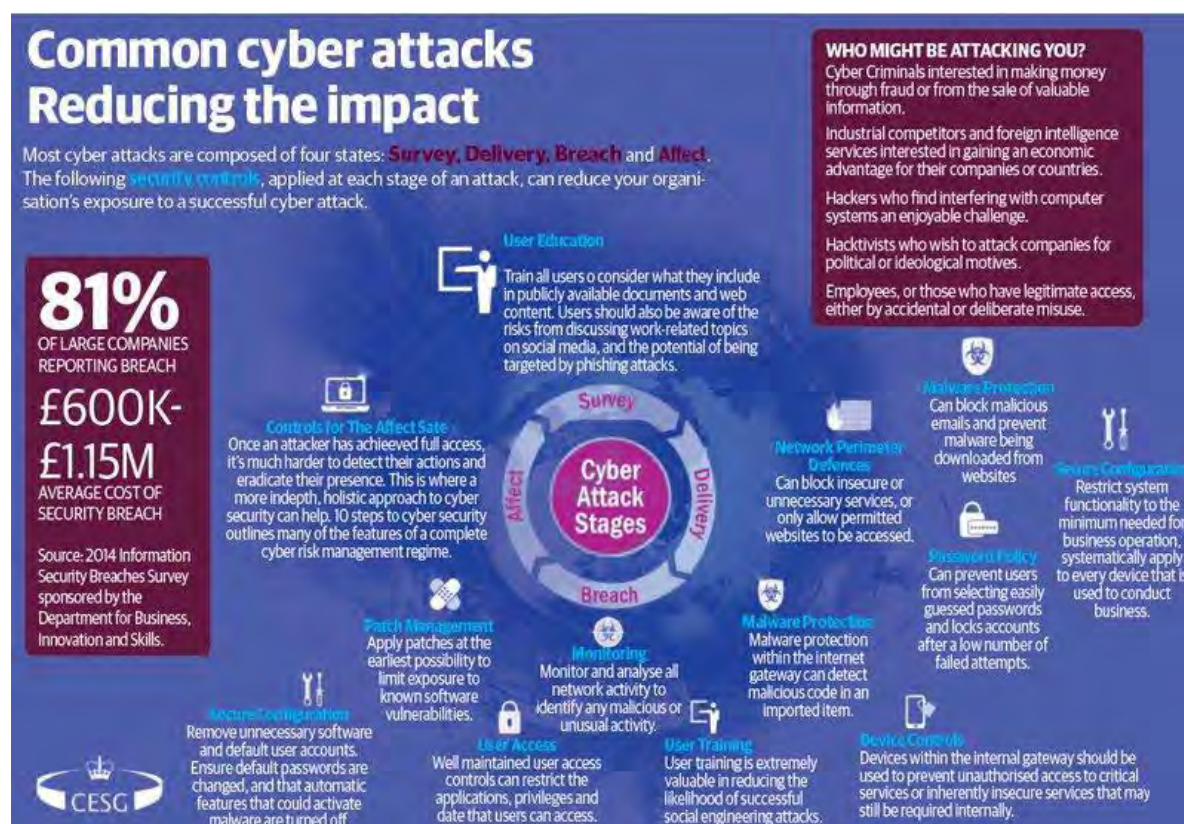
Reducing cyber attacks – the growing menace

Cyber attacks and hacking are threats to individuals, governments, businesses and international organisations. These attacks are generally for social, economic, political and defence purposes. In 2016, the largest attacks focused on financial services, governments and tourism, with cyberattacks on Dropbox, LinkedIn and Yahoo.

Security controls and processes have been established to protect organisations and individuals from cyber attacks, such as:

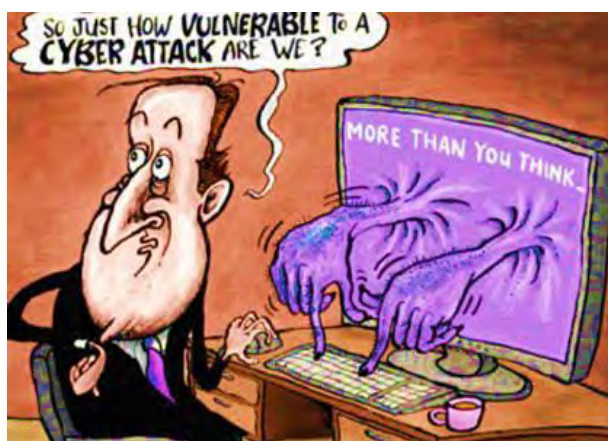
- installing current antivirus software
- using malware protection to block malicious emails
- developing a password policy that prevents users from selecting easily guessed passwords
- monitoring and analysing abnormal network activity and data leakage
- ensuring data is regularly backed up and stored off-line

Common cyber attacks – reducing the impact



Source: <http://www.dhakatribune.com/assets/uploads/2016/10/10-10.jpg>

Cartoons on cyber attacks



Source: <http://www.dezynetek.com/humour/cyberattack.jpg>



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